

Living will under the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Dignity of the Human Being and the possibility of giving *pro futuro* statements in the Polish law

This article applies to the popular - in public debates recently - topic of living wills or *pro futuro* statements in general.

The first part of the article briefly describes the genesis of the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Dignity of the Human Being with regards to the Application of Biology and Medicine, the reasons and objectives of its signing, as well as specifics of the document.

In the second part, we learn what the living will is, whether it connects with the concept of euthanasia, what is meant by futile medical care and what the *pro futuro* statements are.

The third part recalls and analyses various articles of the discussed Convention, which relate directly to the *pro futuro* statements.

The fourth part is devoted to the practical problems that may arise if attempts to regulate the legal issues regarding the living will are undertaken.

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